

METLINK GREAT TRANSPORT RACE

Race information

- Race heats all start and finish at the same location, known as race headquarters (HQ).
- On race day, teams receive a guide with pit stop information, a Melway directory, public transport maps and a digital camera.
- The event is time based so your team's objective is to reach as many pit stops as possible, in the best time and in no particular order. All pits stops are accessible by public transport and include a variety of destinations.
- At each pit stop, teams must answer a question, complete a photo activity or undertake a physical challenge.
 - **Time advantages** are awarded for correct pit stop answers, photos and completing challenges.
 - **Time penalties** are given for any incorrect photo locations, pit stop answers or incomplete challenges (including the absence of a team member) and for not following the race schedule.
- There may not be enough time to visit all the pit stops, so it is important team supervisors encourage students to think strategically.
- Pit stops can be visited in any particular order.
- Planning time is provided at the beginning of each heat. Use this time wisely. Make sure your team decided on a strategy. Will they visit the pit stops that offer the most bonus time or will they travel along the main train, tram or bus routes and visit as many pit stops as they can along the way?
- Use maps and timetables to plan your journey.
- A compulsory lunch pit stop will be open from 12 – 1pm. Teams must check in and stay for a minimum of 20 minutes. Teams that do not turn up or stay for the required time duration will be penalised.
- Make sure you allow enough time to get from the public transport service you are catching to the locations on the map. Getting out of stations, walking a block or crossing busy roads all add time on to your journey.
- All teams must return to race HQ by 2.30pm sharp, otherwise time penalties will be incurred.
- Scores are tallied between 2.30 – 3pm while teams rest and at 3pm the winners are announced and the event ends.
- The top five teams from each heat progress to the CBD-based grand final.
- Photographers will be at the race to capture students' adventures as they compete. After the race, photos will be uploaded to the Metlink GTR Facebook page. The photos may also be used in Metlink's media, marketing and online materials. A media consent form will need to be completed by each student prior to the race.



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- Encourage your students to practice using the Melway street directories before the race and familiarise themselves with local attractions and public transport routes. They can use *Metlink's online journey planner* to test their knowledge.
- If you get stuck during the race and need some route advice you can always call the Metlink call centre on 131 638. Simply tell them your location and where you'd like to go and they'll direct you to the nearest services and explain the best route.
- The race has been created for students and all the decision-making, planning and strategising should be left to them. Adult supervisors should only step in when necessary.
- Let students lead the way and make decisions. Working through problems as a team is enjoyable, satisfying and part of their challenge.
- Be prepared for wet and cold weather. A compact raincoat and fold-up umbrella are ideal. Wear comfortable shoes as you will be on your feet most of the day.
- Water and healthy snacks will be available at race HQ in the morning. Lunch will be provided at the nominated lunch pit stop. It's important to drink plenty of water throughout the race.

For more information contact the Metlink GTR team on phone 9885 3354 or email greattransportrace@metlinkmelbourne.com.au

